Her Highness Tunku Puteri Intan Safinaz

Tunku Puteri Intan Safinaz was born to HRH the late Tuanku Abdul Halim Mu’adzam Shah and Tuanku Bahiyah; the Sultan and Sultanah of Kedah, Malaysia. The Sultanate of Kedah is one of the nine hereditary royal houses in Malaysia, forming part of the constitutional monarchy in the country.

She is currently the elected Chairperson of the Malaysian Red Crescent Society (MRCS) and began her mandate in July 2018 and is also the first female to lead this humanitarian organisation. She has held the position as Chairperson of the Kedah branch of the society for the past 15 years. The Malaysian Red Crescent Society is a humanitarian organisation formed over 70 years ago and has been an affiliate member of the International Federation of the Red Cross and Red Crescent Societies (IFRC) since 1963. It is a voluntary organisation and an auxiliary to the public authority in Malaysia.

As a firm believer in community development and in strengthening the role of civil society, she left her position in Sime Darby, a Malaysian multinational to focus her attention on community-based programs in her home state of Kedah, Malaysia. She formed a charitable foundation in 1996, the Sultanah Bahiyah Foundation, named after her late mother the Sultanah of Kedah. As the Chairperson, the foundation aims to provide education, health, community development and entrepreneurship support to individuals and organisations within the state.

Tunku Puteri was commissioned as the commander of the Territorial Army regiment in Kedah in 2007 and holds the rank of Brigadier General. She is currently the commander of the regiment in Penang and is the first and only female in this position. Given her commitment to volunteerism in the military, she is the proud recipient of the honorary maroon beret and is also the first female to be thus honoured.

Tunku Puteri was appointed as Royal Fellow to the Institute of Environment and Sustainable Development at the National University of Malaysia in 2007. She is also the royal patron on the committee of the Langkawi

Geopark, a UNESCO accreditation for the unique geological and sustainable ecosystem of the islands of Langkawi in Kedah. This project is a collaboration between the state and federal government agencies with the National University of Malaysia.

Tunku Puteri graduated from the University of Sussex with a B.A. in Politics from the School of African and Asian Studies. Committed to the principles of humanitarian work and volunteerism, she has strived to contribute towards a more dynamic relationship between government, the private sector and civil society.